

REMARKS

Claims 50, 51 and 80-84 are currently being examined.

In response to a restriction requirement, Applicant elected claims of Group I, directed to a particular polymorphism (Q597R). Applicants have also amended the claims herein in accordance with the remarks made in the accompanying election of invention.

Applicants have also amended the claims to recite ABCA1 in place of ABC1, which serves only to recognize a newer designation for this protein and does not add new matter. If the Examiner so requests, Applicant can provide literature references in support of this.

If for any reason the Examiner decides to not enter this amendment, Applicant requests that, prior to any further examination, the Examiner alert the Applicant's agent for purposes of setting up a telephone interview between the agent, the Examiner and the Examiner's supervisor in order to resolve the remaining issues of this application.

No additional fee is believed due in filing this paper. If any fee is due, Applicant requests that the Commission charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-0678.

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